



Art Competition

Next week, some of the Seventh District's top student artists will showcase their work at the Jacqueline Casey Hudgens Art Center for the 2012 High School Congressional Art Competition. From this showcase, a panel of judges will select one work as the winner to be displayed in the U.S. Capitol for one year. The winning artist will be invited to attend the Exhibition Opening on Wednesday, June 20, at the U.S. Capitol. Last year, the panelists had many great submissions to consider. We are shaping up to have another great group this year.

I enjoy working with our youth in the Seventh District to help them pursue their dreams—from student editorial boards to student town hall meetings, from academy nominations to the high school art competition. I am so inspired by the enthusiasm and optimism of our young citizens.

Although the deadline has passed for submissions, if you are interested in learning more about the High School Congressional Art Competition for future planning, please [click here](#) for information.

Service Academy Day

One of the most rewarding parts of my job is the opportunity to nominate exceptional young people to our nation's service academies. To attend one of the service academies is a tremendous honor. Those selected receive a top-notch education, learn important life skills, and graduate as an officer in the world's strongest military.

Next month, the Georgia Congressional Delegation will host Academy Day 2012, which is an opportunity for prospective applicants to learn more about our nation's service academies. **Academy Day will be Saturday, May 12, 2012, from 10:00AM until 11:30AM, at Dobbins Air Reserve Base in Marietta.** Senator Isakson's office is coordinating the RSVPs for this event and you may [click here to register](#) on his website.

In Case You Missed It...

We had great turn-out for last week's Telephone Town Hall (over 2,000 people). The event was incredibly valuable for me, and I thank all who took the time to participate. If you did not have the opportunity to ask your questions or share your concerns, I hope that you will take a moment to send

me an email: woodall@mail.house.gov. During the course of the Telephone Town Hall, I asked a few poll questions. Knowing that not everyone had the opportunity to participate in last week's call, I'd like to give you the chance now to share your responses to these poll questions below.

Do you support the President's health care law?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ I support parts of it, but I definitely think it needs some work.
- ☐ Unsure

Do you support the FY2013 Path to Prosperity budget plan?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Haven't had a chance to read through it yet.
- ☐ Unsure

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Pages From "The Path..."

Everywhere I go, people tell me that one of their biggest worries is that Washington has finally spent itself beyond the point-of-no-return---that there will be nothing left for their children and grandchildren but a giant mountain of debt. In fact, this crushing burden of debt was the topic of conversation at my meeting with the Johns Creek Rotary on Monday. Unfortunately, if we continue travelling down our current path, a legacy of debt, doubt, and despair will absolutely be what we leave for future generations. We have a president supports *status quo* deficits and a Senate that continues to sit on its hands. That said, my colleagues and I in the House have refused to give up, and last week we passed a budget, "The Path to Prosperity," that would make the kind of tough decisions our nation needs to get through this low point.

You can watch the news, and read the papers, but there's something to be said for getting straight to the source and reading The Path to Prosperity for yourself. In particular, I recommend the section from The Path to Prosperity titled "Lifting the Crushing Burden of Debt." In this section, you'll find that we have outlined the challenges our nation faces should we continue with the *status quo*, and what The Path to Prosperity will do to help pull us out of this looming debt crisis.

[You may read this week's "Pages from the Path" by clicking here.](#)

Government-Induced Uncertainty

The federal government plays an important and distinct role in safeguarding America's free

enterprise system. However, with a litany of burdensome regulations on the books, the federal government is now doing more harm than good for American business. One of the biggest issues coming out of businesses I visited—including the Georgia United Credit Union—was that the excessive regulations coming out of Washington, D.C., impair their ability to service their members and to grow as a business themselves.

According to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's 2012 Business Outlook Survey, 78% of small businesses surveyed reported that the taxation, regulation, and legislation in Washington is making it harder for businesses to hire employees. The uncertainty caused by excessive regulation—from the President's health care law, to taxation, and even fuel prices, is holding our nation back.

My colleagues and I have passed [27 bipartisan bills](#), which currently await consideration in the Senate, and we will continue to work to peel away the red tape that hold back American success.

Do you know of a 'ridiculous regulation' currently on the books? If so, I want to learn more about it. [Contact me here](#) and let me know what's holding your business back.

"May the father of all mercies scatter light, and not darkness, upon our paths, and make us in all our several vocations useful here, and in His own due time and way everlastingly happy." ~ George Washington, letter to the Hebrew Congregation of Newport, Rhode Island, August 17, 1790.

As many across the District celebrate the Easter and Passover holidays this weekend, I want to leave you my belief that in spite of the tough decisions that lay before us, America's best days are indeed ahead. The choices we make today will ensure a better, brighter America for tomorrow. We must be candid about our challenges, but it does not mean we should lose our sense of pride and joy for waking up every morning free people in the greatest nation in the world. Thank you for all that you do to keep it this way.

Sincerely,



Rob Woodall



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